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1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL WE CALLED ON PIERRE WURTH, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL AND DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, ON OCTOBER 29. WURTH FIRST RESPONDED THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED THAT THE U.S. WAS TAKING SIMULTANEOUS SOUNDINGS IN ALL E.C. CAPITALS ON THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF AN E.C.-U.S. DECLARATION.

2. REGARDING THE DATES WE SUGGESTED, WURTH SAID HE SAW NO PROBLEM AND HE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE FAVORABLE FOR THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET WITH THE E.C. POLITICAL DIRECTORS AT THE TIME THE E.C. POLITICAL COMMITTEE WAS

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ALREADY SCHEDULED TO MEET. WURTH SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT THE E.C. POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF THE U.S. HAD "FUNDAMENTAL REVISIONS" TO

SUGGEST ON THE LATEST E.C. DRAFT DECLARATION. WURTH SAID THAT SUCH SUGGESTIONS COULD BE PASSED EITHER THROUGH E.C. POLITICAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT OLDENBURG, OR, AND POSSIBLY PREFERABLY, INDIVIDUALLY IN THE NINE E.C. CAPITALS. IF THE U.S. HAD NO MAJOR CRITICISM OF THE LATEST E.C. DRAFT DECLARATION, WURTH SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR STOESSEL WOULD BE THE LAST CONSULTATION NECESSARY ON THE POLITICAL PORTIONS OF THE E.C.-U.S. DOCUMENT.

3. ON THE ECONOMIC PARTS OF THE DECLARATION WURTH SAID HE TOO WAS UPSET THAT THE E.C. HAD BEEN SO SLOW IN PREPARING A SUBMISSION. IN OUR PRESENCE, HE CALLED LUXEMBOURG'S E.C. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN BRUSSELS, DONDELINGER, TO ASK FOR A PROGRESS REPORT. DONDELINGER TOLD WURTH THAT THE E.C. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WERE MAKING PROGRESS SLOWLY SINCE THEY WERE BURDENED WITH TASKS OTHER THAN THE PREPARATION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE E.C.-U.S. DOCUMENT. WURTH TOLD DONDELINGER OF THE APPROACH WE HAD MADE. AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO CONVEY A SENSE OF URGENCY IN THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES' PREPARATIONS. DONDELINGER RESPONDED THAT THE SOONEST POSSIBLE DUE DATE HE COULD IMAGINE FOR THE DRAFT OF THE ECONOMIC PORTIONS WOULD BE NOVEMBER 8. WURTH SAID TO US THAT SUCH A DRAFT WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY TRANSMITTED TO THE USG AND HE SUGGESTED THAT THE MEETING BETWEEN THE E.C. POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES MIGHT BEST BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 14, IN ORDER TO GIVE THE U.S. A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC PORTIONS OF THE E.C. DRAFT.

4. AFTER TALKING WITH DONDELINGER, WURTH COMMENTED THAT THE ENERGY CRISIS AS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE RECENT MIDDLE EAST WAR HAD BECOME A MAJOR CONCERN TO THE E.C., AND WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE ECONOMIC PROTIIONS OF THEIR SUBMISSION. WURTH SAID THAT THE E.C. WAS SUDDENLY FACED WITH THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A COHERENT ENERGY POLICY, AND THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO COORDINATE THIS POLICY WITH THE U.S. WURTH COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS SOME SENTIMENT
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IN THE E.C. TO TRY TO DEFINE AN ENERGY POLICY IN THE FRAME WORK OF THE OECD, ALTHOUGH OTHER E.C. MEMBERS BELIEVED THAT THE OECD FRAMEWORK WAS TOO CUMBERSOME FOR THIS PURPOSE. WURTH ADDED THAT THE E.C. COUNTRIES FOUND THEMSELVES "TERRIBLY VULNERABLE" IN THE ENERGY FIELD AND THAT THE GOLD HAD ABRUPTLY REJECTED A RECENT ISRAELI NOTE CALLING ON LUXEMBOURG TO BREAK COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES THEN AT WAR WITH ISRAEL. WURTH SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION NOW IS A GOOD TIME FOR THE U.S. TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE E.C.-U.S. DIALOGUE BY MAKING CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY FIELD WHICH WOULD

BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE E.C. MEMBER STATES. FARKAS

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